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Kansas City, Aug. 19.—The 24th annual convention of the Loyal Order of Moose, which began a week of festivity in this city today has attracted an attendance estimated at 20,000 visitors, who come from many parts of the United States and Canada. A spirited contest is on for the honor of entertaining next year's convention of the order. Winnipeg, Dallas, Cincinnati and Portland, Ore., are among the applicants.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- 1607—First settlement in Maine made at the mouth of the Kennebec river.
- 1777—General Philip Schuyler succeeded by Gen. Horatio Gates in command of the Northern army.
- 1782—Kentucky pioneers, under Daniel Boone, defeated the Indians in a battle near the Blue Licks.
- 1812—The American frigate, Constitution, captured the British frigate, Guerriere.
- 1835—Richard P. Bland, Missouri statesman born; died June 13, 1899.
- 1879—James Russell Lowell appointed United States Minister to England.
- 1883—Jeremiah S. Black, Secretary of State under President Buchanan, died in York, Pa.; born Jan. 10, 1810.
- 1909—British Parliament passed the South African Union bill.
- 1911—House of Representatives passed the amended Statehood bill for Arizona and New Mexico.
- 1912—C. Depew Smith, the man (?) who does the make-up stunt on the News, had a chill yesterday and is laid up for repairs today. N. B.—His last best girl failed to arrive Saturday.

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FROM THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

New York, August 19.—Heretofore the leaders of the National political campaigns have been well satisfied if their organizations were in good running order by the first or second week in September.

In the remarkable campaign that is now before the American voters there is one incident that the old line politicians are marveling over and that is the condition of the National Democratic committee.

For more than a week on the fourth and fifth floors of the office building at 200 Fifth Avenue, the National Democratic committee has been playing in mid-season form. The bureaus have been organized and manned in each detail. The corps of employees have fallen into their respective duties like old timers.

The average voter who is being appealed to, perhaps does not realize the vast amount of work required to educate him to the views of the respective leaders.

If there is anything in a flying start, Wilson and Marshall have certainly secured that start.

The republican papers of New York City have commented daily on the scenes of activity around democratic headquarters and the deathlike silence that pervades at Republican and progressive headquarters. But the Roosevelt headquarters are showing more activity than the Taft headquarters, but it must be remembered that the "Bull Moosers" are trying to organize a new party and have been unable to launch their campaign plans.

The temporary illness of Chairman W. F. McCombs might have caused a slackening up in the activity of the Wilson forces under ordinary circumstances, but this remarkable young man had looked far ahead and the Bureau Chiefs have gone rapidly ahead perfecting their various details.

Vice-Chairman W. S. McAdoo has taken up the duties of Chairman McCombs and will fulfill them for the next week, as Chairman McCombs has been ordered to take a complete rest. His illness was brought about much by the pre-convention contest and then he insisted on giving all his time to the completing of the organization details at National Headquarters.

While democratic victory is "in the air" none of the various leaders is taking anything for granted. They are organizing and planning to contest every state, every congressional district, every township.

Senator T. P. Gore of Oklahoma slowly rocks back and forth in his rocking chair, quietly giving his orders on organization to a score of able assistants. The blind senator has a cheering word and a smile, or a word of advice, for everyone.

Henry Morgenthau, chairman of the finance committee, and Treasurer Rolla Wells, have scoured each department for any false movements, until they have the headquarters organized on a thorough business basis.

The quick start of the Wilson and Marshall forces has resulted in a surprisingly large number of small contributors to the campaign fund. Never in the history of the party have the contributors displayed a greater willingness and enthusiasm than in the present campaign. Contributions as a rule are small, varying from one dollar up, but they are nevertheless welcome to Treasurer Wells.

Down at Sea Girt, Governor Wilson is daily meeting dozens of delegations and hundreds of visitors who are promising him their loyal support. His preliminary speeches of the campaign show his clear grasp of the vital questions before the voters.

"It is not a question of winning now or never," said Josephus Daniels, chairman of the publicity bureau, "but it is a question of how large and how impressive our victory will be. And many people say that the democrats have a better chance this time. We know that. We also know we are going to win. And we also think that we have a surprise for the republicans and 'Bull Moosers' in demonstrating that not a slight majority, but an overwhelming number of people favor Wilson and Marshall."

I am now in your city for your orders for winter hose and underwear. The best that money can buy. If I miss you phone 337. P. H. WOOD.

INTEREST IN REUNION CONTINUES TO GROW

The committee of ladies appointed to secure rooms for the visitors to the Confederate Veterans' Reunion to be held here September 4-6, have been meeting with glowing success. They have obtained the promise of a number of rooms, and there is still a number of people they have not been able to see. It seems now that we shall have no trouble in entertaining all the people who come to our city. It is indeed gratifying to see the people respond so well. Still we should not be content until we are sure we have the promise of more than enough rooms.

A prize of \$5.00 will be given to the person having the best decorated vehicle in the parade. It makes no difference whether the vehicle is a wagon, a buggy, an automobile, a dray wagon, a cart, or a lawn mower. It is sufficient if the object is carried in the parade and decorated.

Ready to Notify Marshall.

Indianapolis, Aug. 19.—Governor Thomas R. Marshall will be formally notified tomorrow that he is the vice presidential nominee on the Democratic ticket. Alton B. Parker, of New York, as chairman of the committee appointed at the Baltimore convention, will make the notification address. Governor Marshall will accept the nomination in a speech that will sound the keynote of the National campaign in the West. The notification exercises will take place at the State Fair grounds, where arrangements have been made to accommodate an immense crowd. The majority of the members of the notification committee, representing all states, arrived in the city today. Special trains arriving early tomorrow morning will bring many delegations of Democrats from points in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois and near-by states.

OTIS WEAVER ON HIS OLD STAMPING GROUND

Otis Weaver is down from Shawnee spending a day or two around his old stamping ground, trying to get a little relaxation from the strenuous life he put in during the primary campaign. Ada still holds a very warm place in his affections, and he always takes on new life when mixing with his old time friends.

Ardmore Peach Shipments.

Ardmore, Okla., Aug. 19.—Dr. J. F. Son has received returns on five cars of peaches which netted \$1,977, and topped the market 10c a bushel over fruit from any other section this season.

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California Centenarian.

Stockton, Calif., Aug. 19.—Thomas White, who resides with his daughter, Mrs. George Lissenden, in this city, reached his 100th birthday anniversary today. He celebrated the occasion by giving a birthday party at Oak Park for his many relatives and friends. Mr. White was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on the same day the Constitution won her notable victory over the Gerriere in the second war between the United States and Great Britain. He has lived in California since the Civil war.

Women's Notions

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WILSON CONTRIBUTIONS SENT TO HEADQUARTERS

Saturday evening W. F. Scott handed the News the tenth dollar for the Wilson fund, and this morning a draft was procured for that amount at the M. & P. bank and forwarded to headquarters.

P. H. Deal paid dollar P. O. 11. As soon as nine more are received another draft will be forwarded. In each case the names of the contributors is enclosed with the draft.

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For County Weigher:
SHERWOOD HILL
For State Committeeman:
C. T. ANGEL
For Co. Commissioner, Dist. No. 1:
HENRY KROTH
For Co. Commissioner Dist. No. 2:
GEO. W. MONTGOMERY
For Justice of the Peace, Ada Precinct:
H. J. BROWN
C. A. POWERS

Many papers in Oklahoma are showing a commendable interest in the Ada reunion by publishing matter sent them regarding the big gathering. This should be appreciated by all concerned. The News will always be ready to reciprocate the favor.

In reply to the query of the News about how the standpatters and Bull Moosers of Oklahoma will manage in the coming election for president.

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Reflections of a Bachelor.

Politeness in a man is largely a matter of whether the object of it is more important than he is.

A man can understand a girl till he marries her, and she can't understand him till she marries him.

If a man could try to get to heaven the way he can into a public office, the devil's business wouldn't pay at all.—New York Press.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

To see the great events of a week in the world's history, one only needs to attend the Majestic this evening and see Pathe's Weekly, the great news journal. "The Shepherd's Flute," is a story of romance. Many good features coming soon.

J. W. Davis went to Sherman this afternoon where he will make an effort to infuse new life into the Sons of Veterans organization and create additional interest in the Ada reunion.

F. C. and C. F. Krieger dropped in at the News office this afternoon and left a lot of fine peaches as a treat for the force. Mr. Krieger has planted an acre and a half of turnips and says they are up and looking fine.

"Fur and Feathers." That is a familiar saying, and this evening it will be presented in a rich comedy at the DeSota. "A Petticoat Ranch Boss" is a guaranteed cure for any inclination towards woman suffrage. Watch for other good features booked by the De Sota.

Miss Mildred Timberlake returned Saturday from Charlottesville, Virginia, where she has been attending the University of Virginia. She took a course in the famous Mintessori system of teaching, a system that now is attracting world wide attention. Miss Timberlake feels that there is a great deal of good to be derived from a study of this theory of education, but, after all, a strong personality and tact are necessary for the best work.

A. L. Beck is home from a trip to northern Michigan, where it is so cool that fires are needed every evening. When the recent cool spell struck Oklahoma, frost killed the corn in northern Michigan. Speaking of the political situation, he says that the Bull Moosers will not cut any figure there, only a few disgruntled politicians following the lead of the strenuous one.

The News man made a trip to Konawa Sunday afternoon, and took advantage of the opportunity to notice the cotton along the railroad. Most of it is still rather small, but all of it had a healthy color and looked fine. At Konawa it was found that millions of army worms had appeared two or three days previously and they were cleaning up everything green. Even the crab grass was being eaten. It was not known, however, whether their ravages embraced any of the surrounding country or not.

Old Game of Punch.

Otis Weaver, after three months absence, while visiting friends in the street this morning, many of whom had been his intimate associates during his twelve years residence in Ada, was approached by Cal Bolen, chief of police, and searched for a gun. Bolen had no warrant and refused to tell who influenced him to make the search.

Mr. Weaver was entirely at a loss to know why he should have been searched as if he were a suspected criminal come to town. While some men in the past, striving for a certain kind of reputation—a reputation which usually worked their ruin—worked over time punching Otis Weaver, it was thought that the bitter experiences of the past would save the effort for the future. There was no occasion this morning for Mr. Weaver wearing a gun and none was found.

Phillips on Matrimony.

The late David Graham Phillips had, like many bachelors, a cynical view of matrimony. Mr. Phillips, at a reunion of Princeton's class of '87, at the Princeton club, said of marriage: "The Persians have a proverb that every young man should consider well before proposing. It runs: 'He that ventureth on matrimony is like unto one who thrusteth his hand into a sack containing many thousands of serpents and one eel. Yet, if the prophet so will it, he may draw forth the eel.'"

Lost, Strayed or Stolen!

A 15-jewel Elgin, open-face watch. Disappeared from news office Friday morning. Please head it off and notify me.—Miles Grigsby.

OLD "IRONSIDES" ANNIVERSARY

Boston, Aug. 19.—Men, women and children, including scores of summer tourists from the South and West, visited the Charlestown navy yard today to reverently pay tribute to the old frigate Constitution on occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of her famous victory over the Guerriere. The famous ship, long known to history as "Old Ironsides," was decorated from stem to stern in honor of the anniversary.

The battle between the Constitution and the Guerriere was one of the most notable actions in the naval history of the United States. The Constitution in command of Captain Hull, had left Boston late in July, and after cruising about several weeks, fell in with the Guerriere on August 19, 1812. The action commenced late in the afternoon. After several hours of terrific fighting, with the vessels linked so closely that the battle developed into a hand-to-hand fight, Captain Dacres, of the Guerriere struck his colors. The surrender of the British did not occur, however, until after their vessel had been literally shot to pieces and her decks covered with the dead and dying.

Great was the excitement in Boston when the Constitution arrived with her prisoners a few days later. The victory had come at a time when the public mind required cheering. The British had scored a succession of land victories along the Canadian frontier, and for weeks the papers had been unable to record any success for the American arms.

Three men were tried before Mayor Ratliff Saturday for being drunk on the streets. Each was found guilty and was fined \$10.75 and costs.

The students of the high school are now at work on "Mr. Bob," a play to be given soon after the opening of school. The proceeds of the play will be used to buy athletic gear for the foot ball team.

Advocates Leaves of Soap.
A chemical friend of the Scientific American suggests that a campaign be started against the common cake of soap. About 50 years ago there was sold a form of soap for travelers, consisting of a booklet, about two inches by four inches, in which small leaves of soap paper saturated with soap were bound. Each leaf contained enough soap for one washing of the hands. It is suggested that one might profitably dispense, through a penny-in-the-slot machine, a paper towel in which is folded a sheet of soap paper, for convenient use in public lavatories.

The Difference.
Men think most of the present—the immediate; and rightly, their calling being to do and to work. Women, on the other hand, more of how things hang together in life; and rightly, too, because their destiny—the destiny of the families—is bound up in this interdependence, and it is exactly this which it is their mission to promote.—Goethe.

Revolutionary.
"Kate is a perfect crank on woman's rights." "Believes that women are equal to men, eh?" "Superior! Why, do you know, she never plays cards without insisting that the queen shall take the king."

Seldom.
A man seldom has the courage of his wife's convictions.

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Every girl figures on playing the star part in a wedding some day.

Probably no one regrets the fact that we can die but once, unless he be the undertaker.

Give a man the little he wants here below and he'll kick himself because he didn't ask for more.

Perhaps patent medicine men fill their almanacs with ancient jokes to show their skill in prolonging life.—Chicago News.

W. J. Reed and wife are expecting their daughter, Mrs. Ada Hemler of Minden, Louisiana, to arrive on a visit today or tomorrow. It will be remembered that it was for Mrs. Hemler that this thriving young city was named.

WANTS WANTS

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Death of Little John Henry Gordon.

John Henry, the eleven months old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gordon, died Sunday morning. Our kindest sympathy is extended to the parents in their sorrow.

Mr. W. H. Grammar will leave today for Fort Arthur where he will take the ship "Steward Cecelia" bound for Cuba.

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Miss Sadie Edmiston has returned from an extended visit to Alabama and Tennessee.

Rags Wanted—Will pay 2 cents per pound for large clean cotton rags. News office.

Chas. Burns returned Sunday from Fort Smith where he was called by the death of his father.

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Miss Mary Dunn, who has been the guest of Mrs. G. M. Ramsey, left this morning for Muskogee.

All kinds of blank books, ledgers, cash books and day books at Holley's Drug Store. 229tf

S. M. Shaw left Saturday afternoon for Chicago where he will buy a big stock of goods for fall and winter.

Always got all kinds of paint at lowest prices at Dr. Holley's Drug Store. 229tf

H. Bowie of Stratford, deputy for the W. O. W., is looking after business matters in Ada today.

FOR RENT—Modern bungalow with all conveniences. South Rennie. W. T. Cox. 116-dtf

M. D. Timberlake and Percy Simpson were passengers to Konawa yesterday afternoon.

Rags Wanted—Will pay 2 cents per pound for large clean cotton rags. News office.

G. C. Sanders left this morning for Francis, where he will take a position on the Frisco as brakeman.

M. C. Smith of Cooper and O. P. Marshall of Commerce, Tex., were here on business today.

WORK HAS BEGUN ON THE NEW GIN

The work has already begun on the farmers' co-operative gin. Some of the lumber for the building is already on the ground, the excavation is now in progress, and the machinery has been ordered. Attorney Shulte informed the News man that they would have everything in order for ginning cotton about the 15th or 20th of next month. Some of the machinery will reach Ada in a short time.

TO ORGANIZE OKLAHOMA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Oklahoma City, Aug. 19.—The formal call for the convention of representatives of the different commercial organizations in the state to be held in Oklahoma City September 10 for the purpose of organizing the Oklahoma development commission, was issued from the office of Secretary W. B. Moore of the local organization Friday morning. Copies of the call were mailed to every commercial and industrial organization in the state.

It is urged in the call that at least five delegates from each commercial club, one of that number to be the secretary of the organization, be sent from each city in the state. It is suggested that no honorary appointments be made, since the convention is purely a matter of business that means much to the people of every community.

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ADA SOCIAL EVENTS.

For Miss Brown's Guests.

Miss Edith Brown has as her guests Misses Ruth Sowers and Marynette Ross of Ada, Okla. Last Saturday night a few friends were invited to the Brown home, No. 626 West Crawford street, to meet the young ladies and a most pleasant evening was spent with cards and dancing. Iced watermelon was served to the following: Misses Sowers and Ross, honorees; Pansy Walker, Florence Rennie and Ruth Davis; Messrs. Frank Parsons, Dayton Campbell, Walter Wells, DeBow Harris and Homer Lewis.

Sunday afternoon the following formed a kodaking party and afterwards were served to iced watermelon at the Brown home: Misses Ruth Sowers and Marynette Ross, honorees; Ruth Davis, Pansy Walker, Florence Rennie and Edith Brown; Messrs. Burr Weaver, Walter Wells, Dayton Campbell, Perry Glover and DeBow Harris.

Monday night a few couples and several baskets of lunch were taken to Woodlake on the 6:45 car complimentary to Misses Ross and Sowers of Ada, Okla. After partaking of the picnic supper in the pavilion the crowd adjourned to the Casino where dancing afforded amusement for several hours. Those in the party were: Misses Ross and Sowers, honorees; Marie Cook, Auth Davis, Florence Rennie, Pansy Walker, Gertrude Williams of Ennis, a guest of Mrs. Harry Dowd; Edith Brown and Anna May Brown; Messrs. Dayton Campbell, Budd Weaver, T. A. Gray, Elery Denton, DeBow Harris, Homer Lewis, Walter Lindemood and Luther Brown; Mesdames E. E. Davis, Ralph Aspley, Harry Dowd and J. L. Brown.

Misses Edith Brown and Ruth Davis entertained Tuesday afternoon with seven tables of "500" at the Davis home, No. 722 West Crawford street, in honor of Misses Sowers and Ross of Ada. The honoree's price, a pair of cuff buttons, was won by Miss Ross while the prize for high score a bar pin, went to Miss Louise Stephens. The score cards were American Girl pictures. During the afternoon little Miss Anna May Brown presided over the punch bowl. The color scheme of yellow and white was carried out in the use of golden rod and sunflowers, the same tones predominating in the refreshments which consisted of brick ice cream and cake.

Mrs. H. L. Crittenden honored Miss Brown's guests Wednesday night with a picture show party. Those attending were: Misses Marynette Ross and Ruth Sowers, honorees; Gertrude Williams of Ennis, Pansy Walker, Ruth Davis, Florence Rennie and Edith Brown.—Denison Herald.

Time Table of All Trains Arriving at Ada, Okla.

MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS RY. SOUTH.

No. 111 Lv. Daily.....11:25 A. M.
No. 113 Lv. Daily.....10:55 P. M.

NORTH
No. 112 Ar. Daily.....4:10 P. M.
No. 114 Ar. Daily.....4:31 A. M.

OKLAHOMA CENTRAL RAILWAY TRAIN GOING EAST.

12 Lv. Daily.....2:55 P. M.
TRAIN FROM EAST.

11 Ar. Daily.....10:05 A. M.
TRAIN GOING WEST.

3 Lv. Daily.....3:30 P. M.
TRAIN FROM WEST.

4 Ar. Daily.....2:55 P. M.

FRISCO. NORTH BOUND.

508—Eastern Express.....10:30 A. M.
610—Metcoer.....4:05 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.
509—Metcoer.....11:35 A. M.
507—Sherman Exp.....4:53 P. M.

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7 00		LEHIGH	5 00		
7 35		Nixon	4 30		
8 05		Tupelo	4 05		
8 40		Stonewall	3 40		
9 00		Frisco	3 27		
9 20		Truax	3 14		
3 40	10 05	ADA	2 55	2 55	
3 50	11 15	Center	1 40	2 34	
4 02	11 35	Vannoss	1 25	2 20	
5 20	12 18		12 55		
4 20	12 40	STRATFORD	12 25	2 02	
4 40	1 42	Byars	12 00	1 42	
5 07	2 05	Rosedale	11 15	1 17	
5 20	2 18	Vincennes	10 50	1 05	
5 40	2 40		10 30	12 50	
5 50	3 00	PURCELL	9 55	12 50	
6 00	3 15	Gibbons Spur	9 30	12 28	
6 10	3 35	Washington	9 17	12 20	
6 34	4 25	Blanchard	8 45	12 00	
6 52	4 55	Middleberg	8 10	11 40	
7 05	5 25	Tabler	7 40	11 25	
7 15	5 45	Cornville	7 15	11 15	
7 30	6 00	CHICKASHA	7 00	11 00	
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.	

B. M. HAILE, Traffic Manager
Chickasha, Oklahoma

Notice First Ward Democrats.

A precinct mass convention is hereby called to meet at the office of Crawford & Bolen Wednesday, August 21, at 2:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention and of transacting other business that may properly come before the meeting.
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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

The collectors for the Confederate Reunion funds will make collections Tuesday morning and request all subscribers to make checks early Tuesday morning, having them ready, to avoid delays.

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T. D. McTOWN,
S. M. SHAW,
W. S. MORRISON,
J. W. DAVIS,
J. C. CATES,
Committee on Finance.

Notice Second Ward Democrats.

The Democrats of the Second Ward are hereby called to meet in mass convention Wednesday, August 21, at 2 p. m. at the office of Blanks & Wood for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention and of transacting such other business as may properly be presented.

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Mrs. E. M. Spawr and children left this morning for Houston where they will reside in the future.

Mrs. J. W. Dean left today on the Frisco for Allen, Texas where she will visit her uncle for some time.

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C. N. Hildebrandt, representative of the Paul Rieger Perfume Company of San Francisco, made his semi-annual trip to Ada today.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lindstrom returned to Ada this morning after spending Sunday with friends in Henrietta.

Mrs. J. P. Crews and son, Jack, who visited their cousin, Mrs. Lura Skinner and Byron Norrell, returned to Purcell this afternoon.

M. L. Halford and wife have returned from their visit to Tennessee and are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Edmiston.

B. Clayton of Oklahoma City, general manager of the round bale gins of Oklahoma, was an Ada visitor today.

This afternoon Judge C. A. Galbraith and wife and J. W. Hays and wife left for Michigan where they spend the next two weeks.

T. O. Cullins has returned from a trip to Bromide and other health resorts and claims that all the politics was boiled out of him on the trip and that he is thoroughly regenerated.

Friends—I am coming soon for your orders for winter hosiery and underwear. I have the best—same as I had in the spring. Hold your orders for me and I will thank you. Your friend,
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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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Don Tolbert was a passenger to Tulsa this morning.

Loose leaf ledger's at Holley's. 229tf.

O. W. Jones of Arizona is the guest of Wm. Edmiston, Jr.

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Leslie Maxey and family have returned from their visit to Sherman.

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Mrs. J. L. Bowers of Tishomingo, is the guest of Mrs. J. K. Reed.

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Rev. and Mrs. Marshall Dupree came in on the Frisco this morning.

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(Continued from Thursday)

"Well," repeated Elkanah. "Elkanah Daniels," said Eben slowly, his voice shaking from nervous exhaustion and weakness, but with a fine ring of determination in every word. "Elkanah Daniels, you listen to me. I've heard you through. If your yarn is true, then my heart is broke, and I wish I might have died afore I heard it. But I didn't die and I have heard it. Now listen to me. I love that girl of mine better'n the whole wide world and yet I'd rather see her dead afore me than married to a Reg'lar minister. Disgrace to him! Disgrace to your miserable church! What about the disgrace to mine? And the disgrace to her? Ruin to your minister! Ruin to my girl here and hereafter is what I'm thinkin' of; that and my people who worship God with me. I'll talk to Grace. I'll talk to her. But not of what'll happen to him or you—or any of your cantin', lip-servin' crew. I'll tell her to choose between him and me. And if she chooses him, I'll send her out of that door. I'll do my duty and read her out of my congregation. And I'll know she's gone to everlastin' hell, and that's worse'n the poorhouse. That's all to-night, Elkanah. Now you better go."

The lock turned; the door opened and closed. Grace, clinging to the balusters, heard Captain Hammond cross the room, slowly and feebly. She heard him enter the sitting room. By and by, pale, but more composed, and with her mind made up, she came down into the hall. Drawing a long



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Bonds, Securities, etc.	14,043.82	20,517.84	24,643.99
United States Bonds	17,500.00	17,500.00	17,500.00
Bank Building and Fixtures	15,066.70	14,000.00	21,191.94
Other Real Estate	480.75	1,730.75	1,167.50
Cash on Hand and With Other Banks	58,657.69	124,688.24	160,348.22
Total Resources	\$249,935.45	\$381,515.52	\$443,504.26
LIABILITIES			
Capital	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Surplus	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Undivided Profits	4,991.31	11,295.16	16,574.07
Circulation	17,500.00	17,000.00	17,500.00
Bills Payable	25,000.00	None	None
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breath, she turned into the sitting room to face her uncle. By the light shining through the dining-room door she saw him on his knees by the hair-cloth sofa. She spoke his name. He did not answer nor look up. At her touch his arm slid from the couch and he fell gently over upon his side on the carpet.

CHAPTER XI.

In Which Captain Eben Makes Port. Half past eight. In the vestry of the Regular church John Ellery was conducting his prayer meeting. The attendance was as large as usual. Three seats, however, were vacant, and along the settees people were wondering where Captain Elkanah Daniels and his daughter might be. They had not missed a service for many a day. And where was Keziah Coffin?

At the Come-Outer chapel the testifying and singing were in full blast.



He Did Not Answer or Look Up.

But Ezekiel Bassett was leading, for Captain Eben Hammond had not made his appearance. Neither had Grace Van Horne, for that matter, but Captain Eben's absence was the most astonishing.

In the regular parsonage Keziah sat alone by the sitting-room table. Prayer meeting and supper she had forgotten entirely. The minister had not come home for his evening meal, and food was furthest from the house-keeper's thoughts. What should she do? What ought she to do? How could she avert the disaster so certain to overwhelm those two young people the moment their secret became known?

She rose and again donned her bonnet and shawl. She was about to blow out the lamp when she heard rapid footsteps, the sound of some one running along the sidewalk in front of the house. As she listened, the footsteps sounded on the path. Whoever the runner was he was coming to the parsonage. She stepped to the door and opened it.

The runner was a boy, Maria Higgins' boy Isaac, whose widowed mother lived down by the shore. He did the chores at the Hammond tavern. His freckled face was dripping with perspiration and he puffed and blew like a stranded whale. "Have ye—have ye," panted like, "have ye seen the doctor anywhere, Mis' Coffin?"

"Who? Dr. Parker? Have I seen—what in the world are you comin' here after the doctor for?"

"Cause—cause I didn't know where else to come. I been to his house and he ain't home. Nobody ain't to home. His wife, Mis' Parker, she's gone up to Boston yes'day on the coach, and—and it's all dark and the house door's open and the shay's gone, so—"

"Who's sick? Who wants him?" "And—and—all the rest of the houses round here was shut up 'cause everybody's to meetin'." I peeked in at the meetin' house and he ain't there, and I see your light and—

"Who's sick? Tell me that, won't you?"

"Cap'n Eben. He's awful sick. I callate he's goin' to die, and Grace she—"

"Cap'n Eben? Eben Hammond! Dyin'? What are you talkin' about?" "Huh! huh!" puffed the messenger impatiently. "Didn't I tell ye? Cap'n Eben's dyin'. I seen him. All white and still and—and awful. And Grace, she's all alone and—"

"Hold on! Stop! I'll tell you where the doctor is most likely. Up to Mrs. Prince's. She's been poorly and he's prob'ly been called there. Run! run fast as ever you can and get him and I'll go to Grace this minute. The poor thing! Don't tell anybody. Not a soul but the doctor. Half this town'll be runnin' to find out if you do, and that poor girl must be distracted already. I'll go to her. You get Dr. Parker and tell him to hurry."

"I'll tell him; don't you fret."

He was gone, running harder than ever. A moment later Keziah followed him, running also.

As she ran on, a rattle of wheels and the thud of hoofs came from behind her. Then a rocking chaise, drawn by a galloping horse, shot by. Dr. Parker's carriage, she was sure. The Higgins boy must have met the doctor and delivered his message.

The horse and chaise were standing by the front gate of the tavern as she pantingly drew near it. The side door of the house was ajar and she opened it softly and entered. The dining room was empty. There was a light on the sitting-room table and low voices came from the little bedroom adjoining. Then, from the bedroom, emerged Dr. Parker and Grace Van Horne. The girl was white and there were dark circles under her eyes. The doctor was very grave.

Keziah stepped forward and held out both hands. Grace looked, recognized her, and with a cry ran toward her. Keziah took her in her arms and soothed her as if she were a child.

"Well, well, dear," went on Mrs. Coffin hurriedly. "He will be better soon, we'll hope. You mustn't give up the ship, you know. Now you go and lay down somewhere and I'll get my things off and see what there is to do. Some good strong tea might be good for all hands, I guess likely. Where's Hannah Poundberry?"

"She's gone to her cousin's to stay all night. I suppose I ought to send for her, but I—"

"No, no, you hadn't. Might's well send for a poll parrot, the critter would be just as much good and talk less. I'll look out for things, me and the doctor. Where's—where's Nat?"

"He came in just after I sent the boy for the doctor. He's in there with—"

—with him," indicating the bedroom. "Poor Nat!"

Keziah looked longingly toward the door.

"Yes," she said slowly. "Poor fellow, it's an awful shock to him. He and his father are— But there! you lay down on that lounge!"

Grace, protesting that she couldn't sit down, she couldn't leave uncle, and there were so many things to do, was at last persuaded by Keziah and the doctor to rest for a few moments in the big rocker. Then Mrs. Coffin went into the kitchen to prepare the tea. As she went, she beckoned to Dr. Parker, who joined her a moment later.

"Well, doctor?" she asked anxiously. The stout, gray-haired old physician—he had practiced in Trumet for nearly thirty years—shook his head. "Not a single chance," he whispered. "He may possibly live till morning, but I doubt if he lasts an hour. It's his heart. I've expected it at any time."

Captain Nat was standing at the door of the bedroom. His face was drawn and he had seemingly grown years older since noon.

"He's come to himself, doc," he whispered. "He don't remember how it happened or anything. And he wants us all. Why! why, Keziah! are you here? You can come in, too. I know dad likes you and I guess—"

Wait a minute; I'll ask him." He stepped back into the bedroom. "Yes," he nodded, returning, "you come, too. He wants you."

The little room, Captain Eben's own, was more like a skipper's cabin than a chamber on land. In the corner stood the captain's big boots and his oilskins hung about them. His Sunday cane was there also. And on the bureau was a worn, heavy Bible.

Then he said: "Evenin', Keziah. I don't know why you're here, but—"

"I heard that Grace was alone and



"Keziah Coffin!" Cried Nat Hammond, "Do You Tell Me to Marry Grace?"

that you was sick, Eben. So I come right down, to help if I could."

"Thank ye. You're a good-hearted woman, Keziah, even though you ain't seen the true light yet. And you're housekeeper for that hired priest—a—"

He paused, and a troubled look came over his face.

"What is it, dad?" asked Nat. "I—I— Where's Grace? She's here, ain't she?"

"Yes, uncle, I'm here. Here I am," said the girl. His fingers groped for her hand and seized it.

"Yes, yes, you're here," murmured Captain Eben. "I—I—for a minute or so, I—I had an awful dream about you, Grace. I dreamed— Never mind. Doc, answer me this now, true and honest, man to man: Can you keep me here for just a little spell longer? Can you? Try! Ten minutes, say. Can you?"

"Of course I can. Cap'n Hammond, what are you—"

"Belay, I tell you. Yes, I guess 'twas a dream. It had to be, but 'twas sort of real that I— How long have I been this way?"

"Oh, a little while! Now just—"

"Hush! Don't pull your hand away, Grace. Nat, give me yours. That's it. Now I put them two hands together. See, doctor? See, Keziah?"

"Don't, uncle, don't!" pleaded Grace. "Don't worry about me. Think of yourself, please."

"S-sh-sh! Don't put me off. Just listen. I want you to marry my boy, after I'm gone. I want you to say you will—say it now, so's I can hear it. Will you, Grace?"

Grace would have withdrawn her hand, but he would not let her. He clung to it and to that of his son with all his failing strength.

"Will you, Grace?" he begged. "It's the last thing I'm goin' to ask of you. I've tried to be sort of good to you, in my way, and—"

"Don't, don't!" she sobbed. "Let me think a minute, uncle, dear. Oh, do let me think!"

"Won't you say it for me, Grace?" pleaded Captain Eben. She hesitated no longer.

"Yes, uncle," she answered through tears, "if Nat wants me he can have me."

Keziah clasped her hands. Captain Eben's face lit up with a great joy.

"Thank the Almighty!" he exclaimed. "Lord, I do thank you. Nat, boy, you're consider'ble older than she is and you'll have to plan for her. You be a good husband to her all her days, won't ye? Why, what are you waitin' for? Why don't you answer me?"

Nat groaned aloud.

"A minute dad," he stammered. "Just give me a minute, for Heaven sakes! Keziah!"

"Keziah!" repeated Eben. "Keziah? What are you talkin' to her for? She knows there couldn't be no better match in the world. You do know it, don't ye, Keziah?"

"Yes," said Keziah slowly. "I guess—I guess you're right, Eben."

"Keziah Coffin," cried Nat Hammond, "do you tell me to marry Grace?"

"Yes, Nat, I—I think your father's right."

CHAPTER XII.

In Which Keziah Breaks the News.

It was nearly five o'clock, gray dawn of what was to be a clear, beautiful summer morning, when Keziah softly lifted the latch and entered the parsonage. All night she had been busy at the Hammond tavern. Busy with the doctor and the undertaker, who had been called from his bed by young Higgins; busy with Grace, soothing her, comforting her as best she could, and petting her as a mother might pet a stricken child. The poor girl was on the verge of prostration, and from hysterical spasms of sobs and weeping passed to stretches of silent, dry-eyed agony which were harder to witness and much more to be feared.

"It is all my fault," she repeated

over and over again. "All my fault! I killed him! I killed him, Aunt Keziah! What shall I do? Oh, why couldn't I have died instead? It would have been so much better, better for everybody."

Dr. Parker was very anxious. "She must rest," he told Mrs. Coffin. "She must, or her brain will give way. I'm going to give her something to make her sleep and you must get her to take it."

So Keziah tried and, at last, Grace did take the drug. In a little while she was sleeping, uneasily and with moans and sobbings, but sleeping, nevertheless.

"Now it's your turn, Keziah," said the doctor. "You go home now and rest, yourself. We don't need you any more just now. Now you go home. You've had a hard night, like the rest of us."

How hard he had no idea. And Keziah, as she wearily entered the parsonage, realized that the morning would be perhaps the hardest of all. For upon her rested the responsibility of seeing that the minister's secret was kept. And she, and no other, must break the news to him.

The dining room was dark and gloomy. She lighted the lamp. Then she heard a door open and Ellery's voice, as he called down the stairs.

"Who is it?" he demanded. "Mrs. Coffin?"

She was startled. "Yes," she said softly, after a moment. "Yes, Mr. Ellery, it's me."

"It's morning," said the minister. "Are you sick? Has anything happened?"

"Yes," she answered slowly, "something has happened. Are you dressed? Could you come down?"

He replied that he would be down in a moment. When he came he found her standing by the table waiting for him. The look of her face in the lamplight shocked him.

"Why, Mrs. Coffin!" he exclaimed. "What is it? You look as if you had been through some dreadful experience."

Her heart went out to him. She held out both her hands.

"You poor boy," she cried, "I'm trying to tell you one of the hardest things a body can tell. Yes, some one is dead, but that ain't all. Eben Hammond, poor soul, is out of his troubles and gone."

"Eben Hammond! Captain Eben? Dead! Why, why—"

"Yes, Eben's gone. He was took down sudden and died about ten o'clock last night. I was there and—"

"Captain Eben dead! Why, he was as well as—"

—as— She said— Oh, I must go! I must go at once!"

He was on his way to the door, but she held it shut.

"No," she said gravely, "you mustn't go. John—you won't mind me callin' you John. I'm old enough, pretty nigh, to be your mother, and I've come to feel almost as if I was. John, you've got to stay here with me. You can't go to that house. You can't go to her."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

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